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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY DATA PROCESSING

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED TODAY BY TWO OFFICIALS OF FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND BUILDING NEW CAPITAL CITY NEAR ABUJA, CENTRAL NIGERIA, FOR CENSUS BUREAU ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING DATA COLLECTED IN DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF FUTURE INHABITANTS OF NEW CITY.

2. OFFICIALS ARE DR. P.O. OHADIKE, AN EMPLOYEE OF UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, AND A.A. EIGBEFOH, BOTH OF CDA DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY DIVISION, WHICH OPERATES WITHIN NATIONAL POPULATION BUREAU, SURULERE, LAGOS. THEY SAID THEY NOW HAVE 80,000 8-PAGE QUESTIONNAIRES AND, WHEN SURVEY COMPLETED, EXPECT TOTAL OF 120,000. THE 80,000 ARE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SERVANTS COVERED FIRST PHASE OF SURVEY. NEXT PHASE WILL COVER ABOUT 4,000 NON-GOVERNMENT INDIVIDUALS AND THIRD PHASE UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL BE SAMPLE OF ABOUT 30,000 HOUSEHOLDS.

3. THEIR PROBLEM: THEY HAD PLANNED ON PROCESSING SURVEY DATA ON NATIONAL POPULATION BUREAU'S IBM 375/145 BUT REPEATED POWER UNCLASSIFIED

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FAILURES AND VOLTAGE FLUCTUATIONS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SURVEY CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL NEXT YEAR. BUREAU IS MANY MONTHS BEHIND ON OWN PROJECTS. SURVEY DATA NEEDED BY MASTER PLANNERS, AMERICAN CONSORTIUM CALLED INTERNATIONAL PLANNING ASSOCIATION, WHO BEGIN WORK THIS MONTH. ORIGINAL SURVEY DEADLINES WERE DATA ENTRY COMPLETED BY END-AUGUST, TABULATION COMPLETED BY END-SEPTEMBER.

4. THEY ASK IF CENSUS BUREAU CAN DO THE PROCESSING, HOPEFULLY CLOSE TO ORIGINAL DEADLINES ABOVE. INVOLVED ARE SHIPMENT OF 80,000 FIRST-PHASE QUESTIONNAIRES TO U.S., DATA ENTRY ON DISCS OR CARDS AND TABULATION ACCORDING TO TABLES TO BE PROVIDED BY CDA DEMONGRAPHERS. THEY PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO APPROACH UN STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT, SAYING UN BUREAUCRACY TOO SLOW.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS ADVISE WHETHER CENSUS BUREAU CAN HANDLE PROCESSING AS ABOVE, HOW LONG IT MIGHT TAKE AND HOW MUCH IT MIGHT COST. IF THERE NO POSSIBILITY OF CENSUS BUREAU HANDLING WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS ON WHERE ELSE CDA MIGHT TURN FOR HELP, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ENTITIES IF SUCH EXIST. WOULD LIKE INTERIM REPLY NLT NEXT WEEK.
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